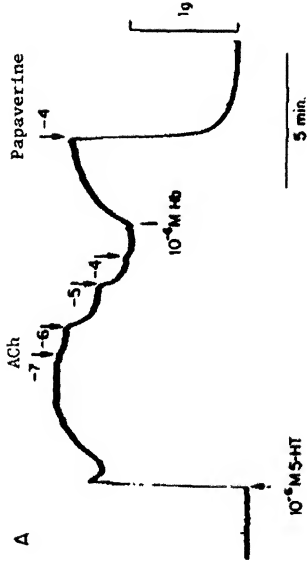


Exhibit B

The ability of Hemoglobin to interfere with endothelium-derived relaxation factor (EDRF) contributed to its identification as NO



(Fujiwara *et al.*, *J Neurosurg* 64:445-452, 1986; FIG. 5A)

"Hemoglobin, previously shown to inhibit vascular relaxation by NO and by endothelium-dependent vasodilators, also inhibited relaxation and cyclic GMP accumulation produced by EDRF and NO in the bioassay/cascade superfusion procedure." Ignarro *et al.*, *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 84:9265-9269, 1987; page 9268, second column, first full paragraph